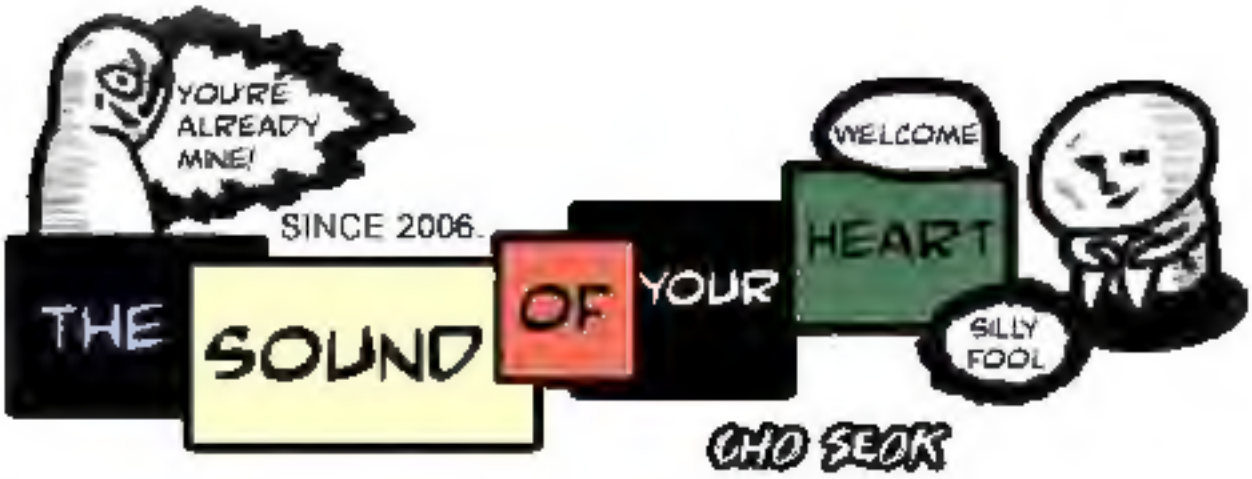
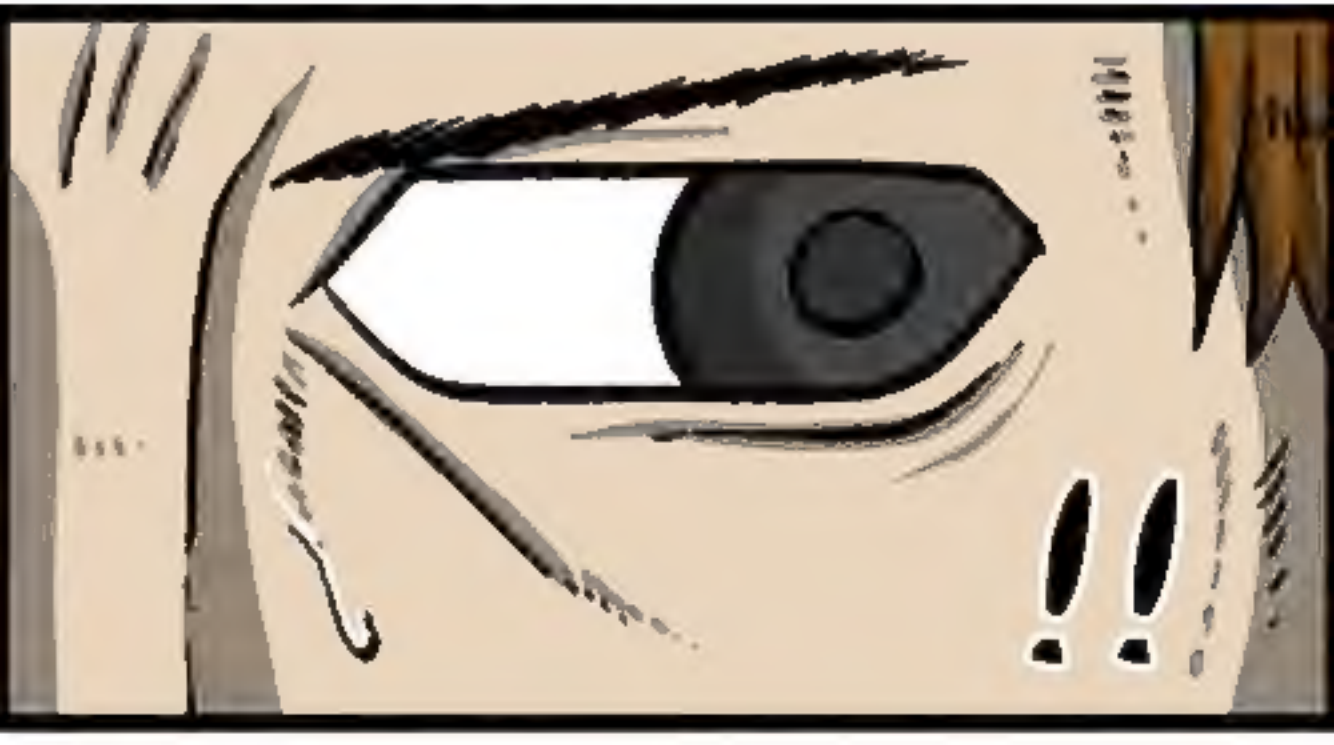


- THE MASKED KING -

ONE DAY, I CAME HOME A BIT TOO LATE.

I WAS IN A TOUGH SPOT,
WITHOUT ANY ROOM FOR EXCUSES...

AT THAT MOMENT...
THE GEARS IN MY HEAD STARTED TURNING QUICKLY.



THE RESULT OF
A COMBINATION OF PANIC +

OVERACTIVE BRAIN + KEYSER SOZE...

BEST CHEONGHA LIM (sla**

CHO SEOK, NEXT WEEK ON 'THE

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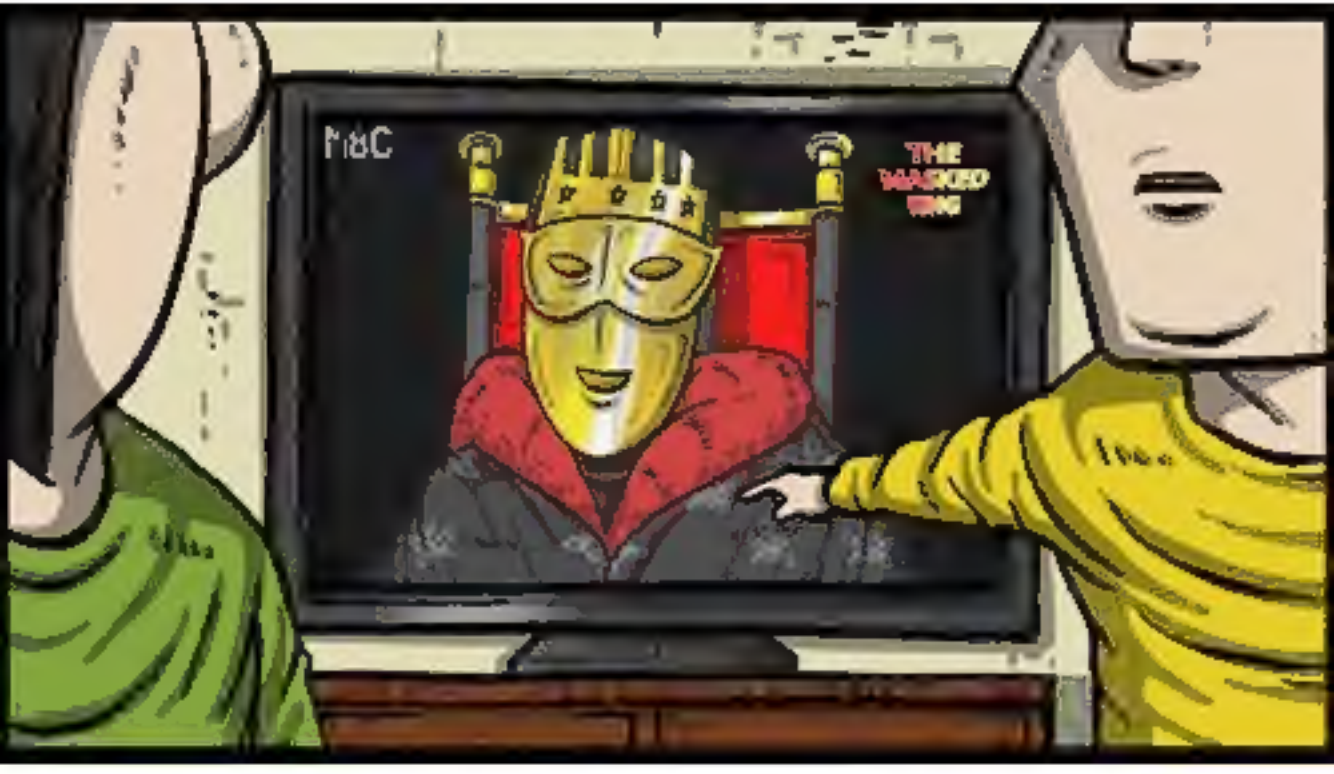
THAT...
HUH?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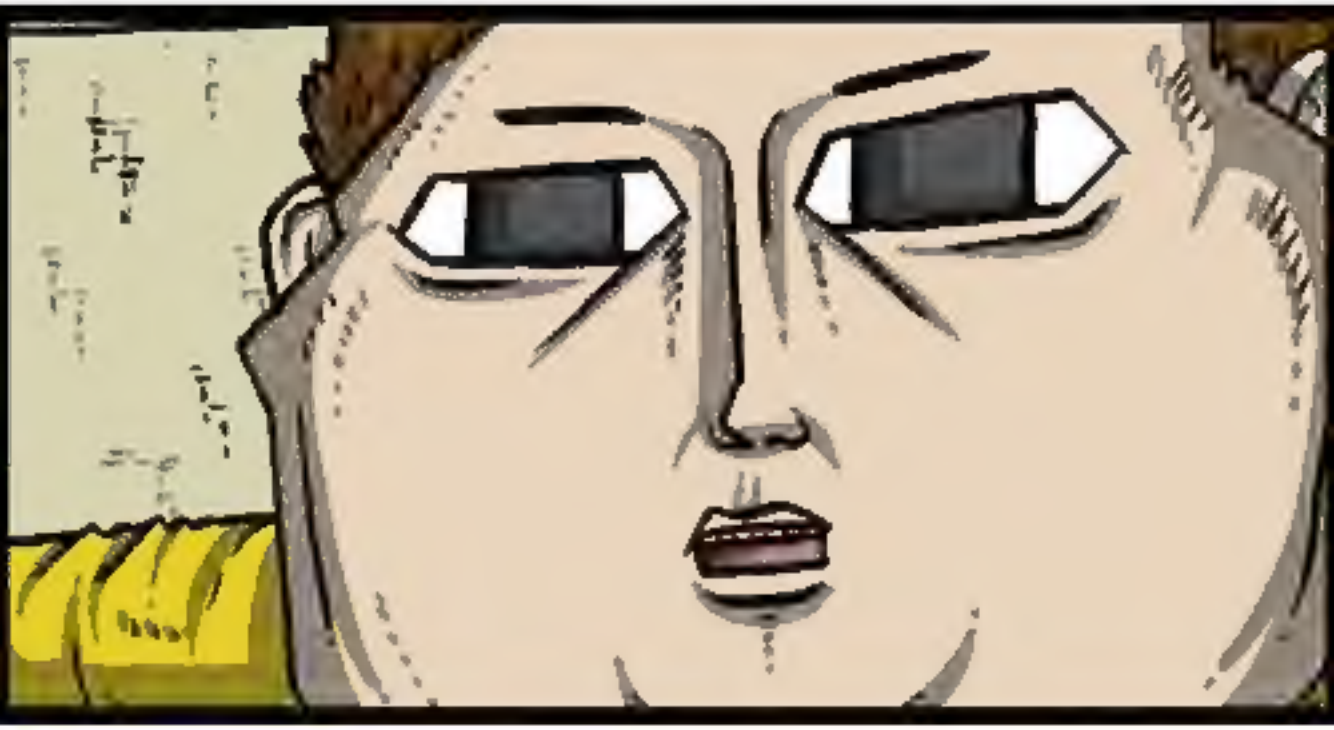
THE MASKED KING

THAT'S ACTUALLY



ME.

I'M ACTUALLY THE MASKED KING

HOW DARE YOU TRY TO PULL THAT CRAP?!

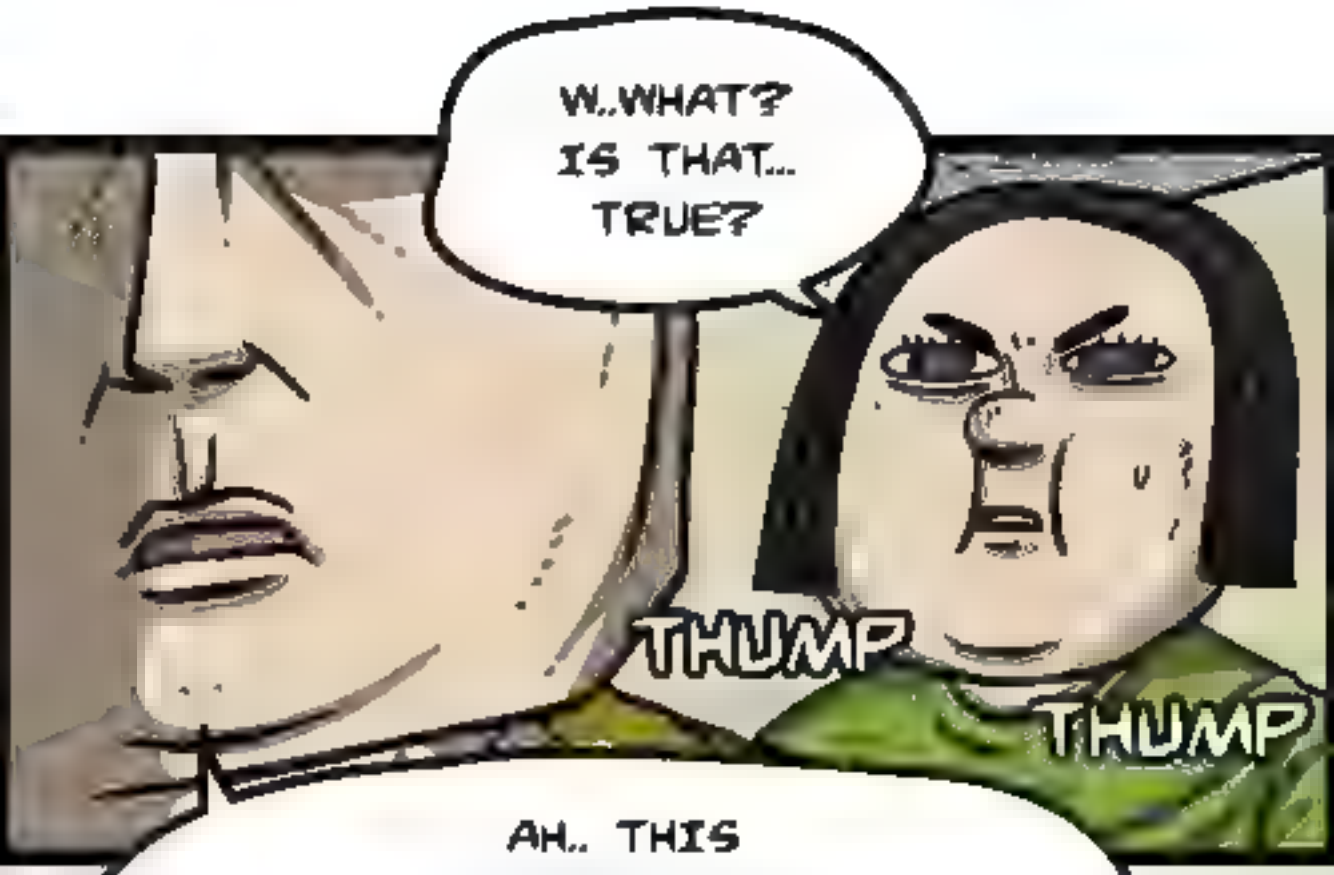
YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR DAMN MIND..!

AT LEAST MAKE IT BELIEVABLE...!

BUT ONCE IT STARTED FLOWING, MY LIE BEGAN RACING ACROSS AN OPEN FIELD

IT'S TRUE. REMEMBER WHEN I WAS ON RUNNING MAN BEFORE? THE PRODUCTION TEAM FROM 'THE MASKED KING' LIKED ME ON THERE SO THEY CALLED ME AND NOW I'VE BEEN TRAINING IN SECRET FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

AH, I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE I WAS DOING THIS WITH MY HANDS... AND THEY ALSO HAPPENED TO FIND OUT THAT I'M A GOOD SINGER SO THINGS ENDED UP LIKE THIS. I'M SORRY... AND I'M HAPPY.

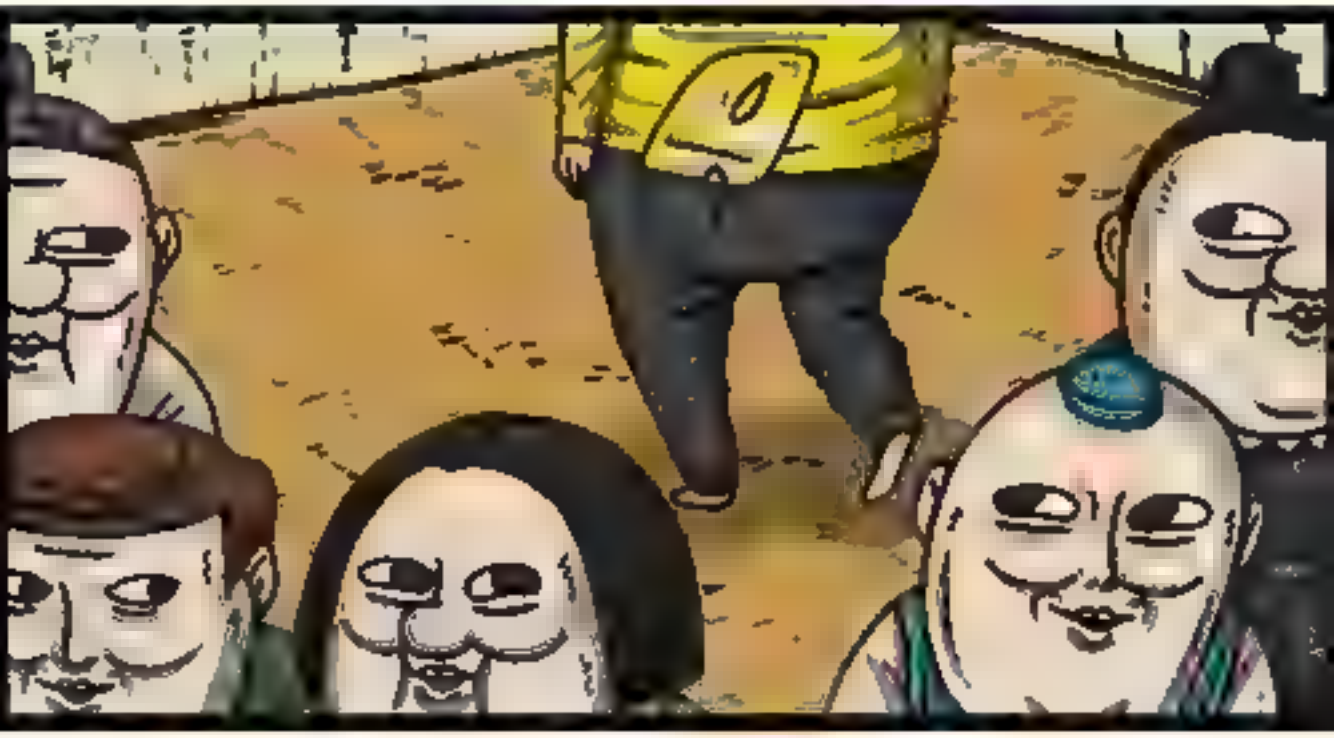


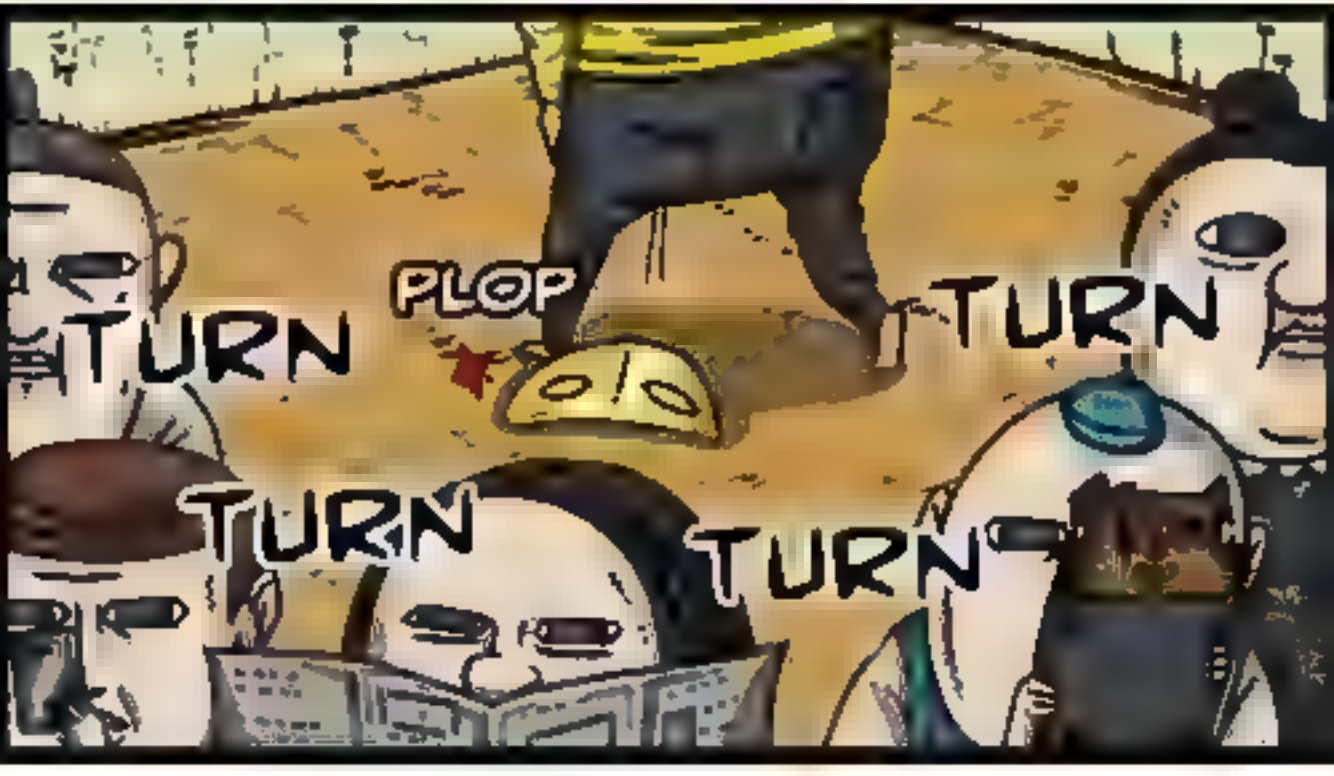
AH.. THIS
ISN'T GOOD,
THE 'PRODUCTION TEAM'
TOLD ME NEVER TO TELL
ANYONE... I'M WORRIED.
I EVEN SIGNED A CONTRACT
SAYING I WOULD PAY A BILLION
DOLLAR IF THIS EVER LEAKS...
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
I NEED TO GO PRAY
FOR A BIT.

WHAT A RELIEF. HEHE..
I MANAGED TO SAFELY GET
THROUGH THE CRISIS.
NOW EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

OKAY?
YOU CAN'T EVER
TELL ANYONE
ELSE.

CREAK





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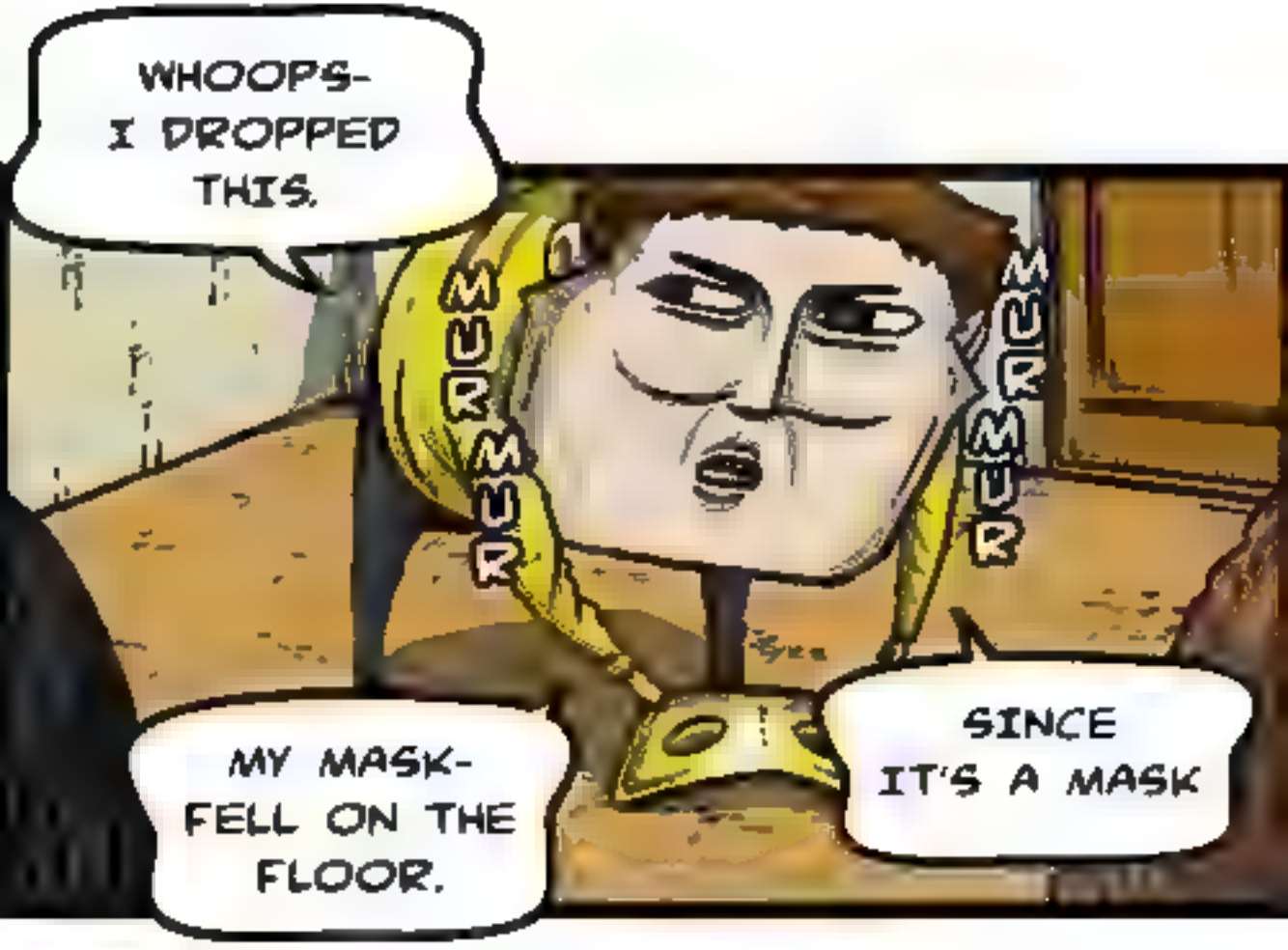
WHOOPS- I DROPPED THIS.
MURMUR
MURMUR
MY MASK- FELL ON THE FLOOR.
SINCE IT'S A MASK

HEY, YOU WERE SO SILLY BEFORE~ YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL. YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT GUY NOW~
I'LL BE CAREFUL.
AHH SORRY, SINCE IT'S A MASK.

I WISH
I WERE A SPIDER~
TO FORGET IT ALL~
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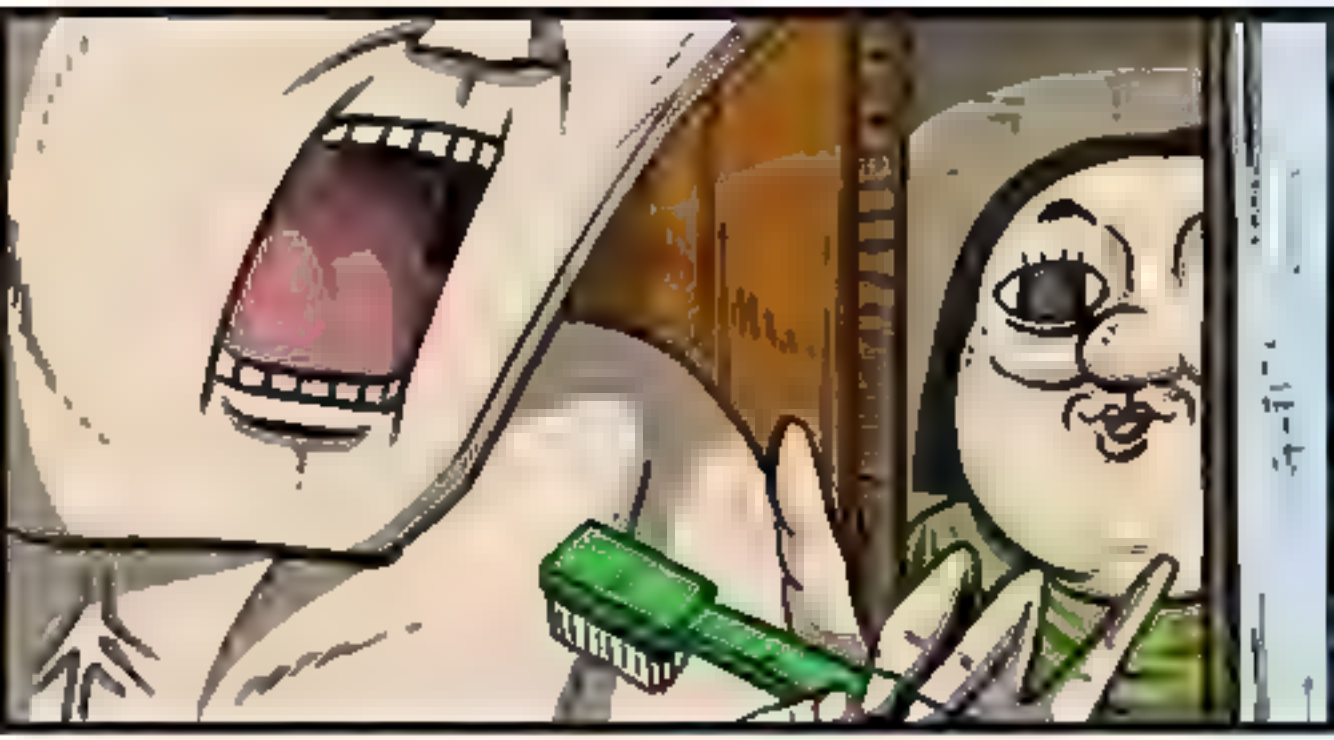
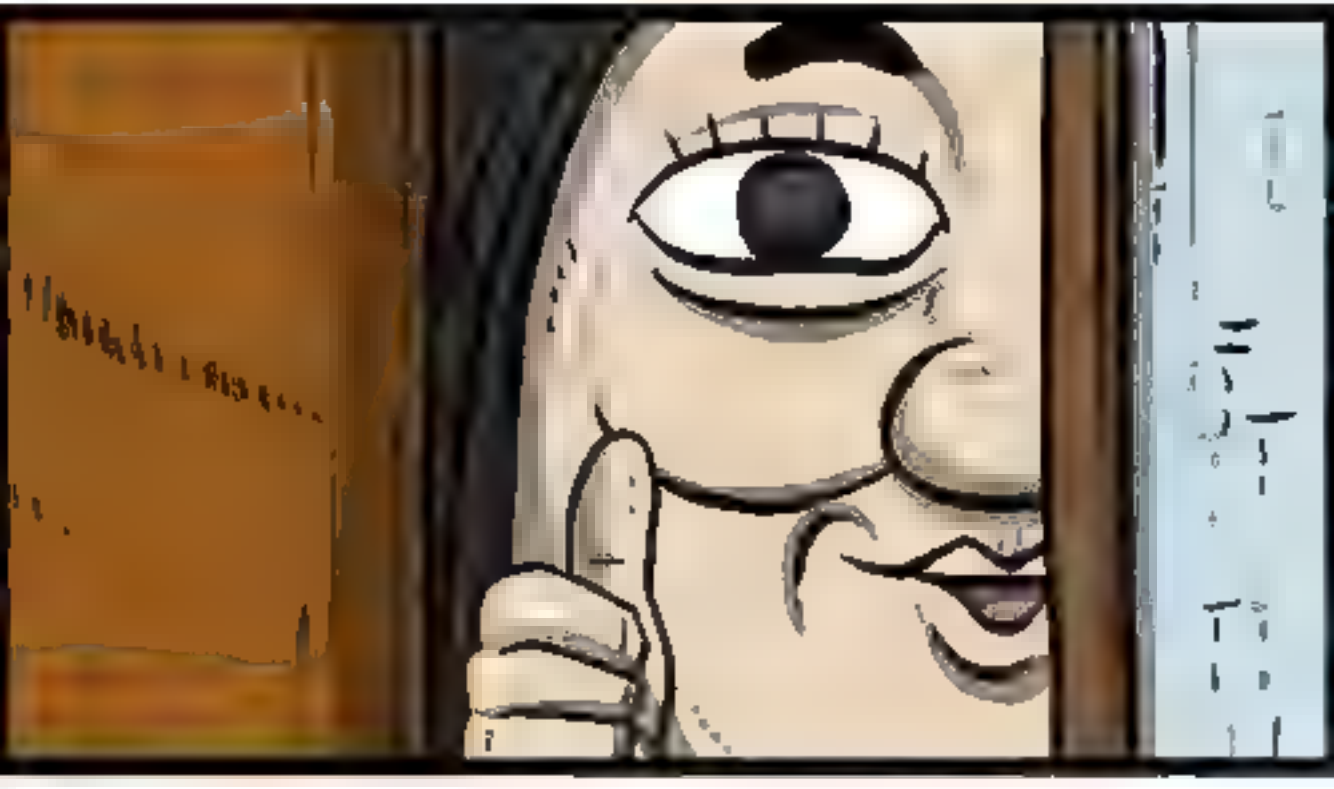
SO IT WOULDN'T MAKE ME SAD TO SEE YOU WITH SOMEONE ELSE!!!



ALL I COULD
DO WAS WATCH~
AS HE STOOD BY
YOUR SIDE--!!

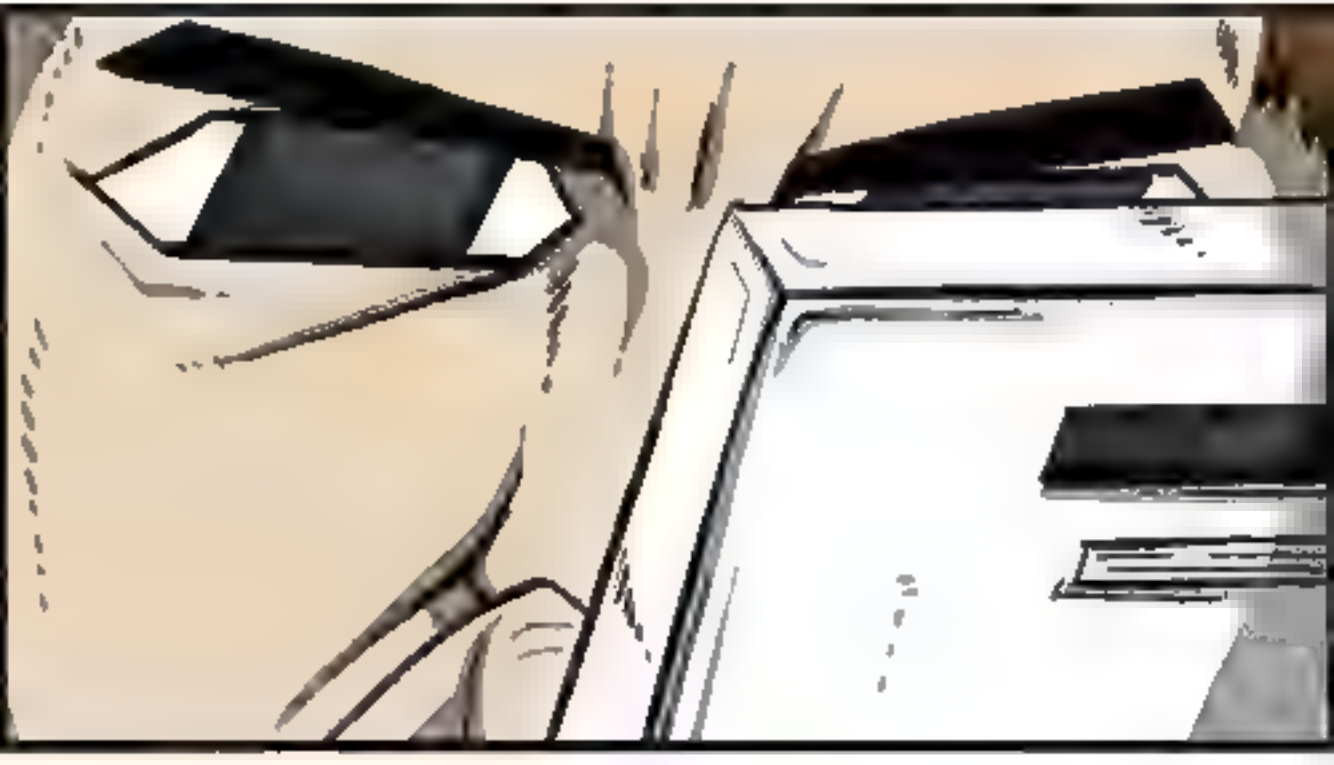
I WISH
I WERE A
SPIDER
TO CATCH
JUST ONE MORE
GLIMPSE



WEEK FIVE...
I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO
GET THROUGH ANOTHER WEEK.

GOOD JOB, MAN.
YOU'RE A CHAMPION, SON.
THE MASKED KING HAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD THE TITLE FOR FIVE WEEKS!
DON'T MENTION IT, IT'S JUST A NATURAL GIFT.

STILL, THAT DOESN'T MEAN
I COULD JUST SIT AROUND
DOING NOTHING.

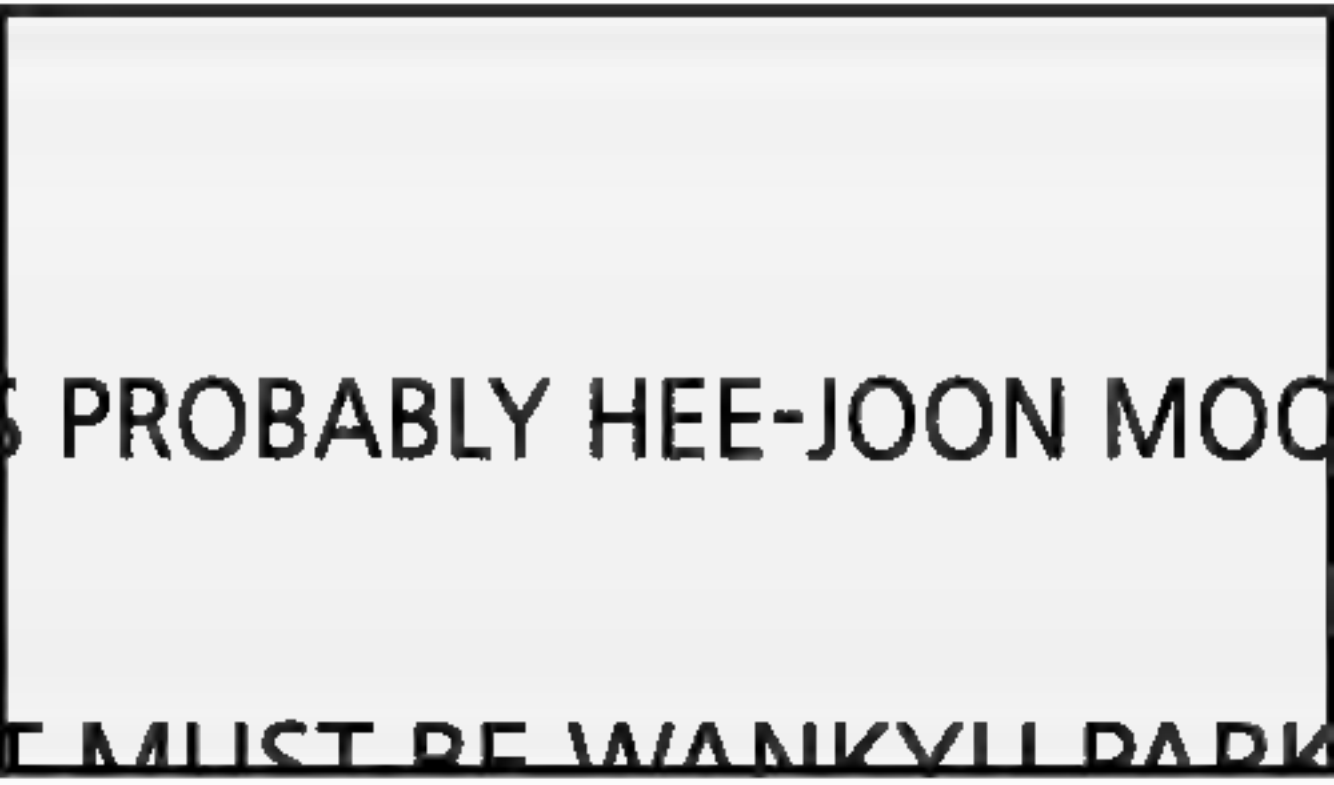


I TRUSTED THE SENSE OF PEOPLE
ONLINE TRYING TO PREDICT WHO
THE MASKED KING IS.

IT MUST BE WANKYU PA

THE MASKED KING
WILL BE REVEALED EVENTUALLY...
UNTIL THEN, I'LL GET THEM
USED TO THIS LOOK.

MERCILESS AS SOMEONE
MIXING TIDE DETERGENT IN FOOD,
I WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO
MAKE THIS WORK.


PROBABLY HEE-JOON MOO

THERE MAY BE
SOME TRIAL AND ERROR...
BUT GRADUALLY... GRADUALLY...

THEY WILL ACCEPT ME LIKE THIS.

BUT THERE WERE SO MANY GUESSES ABOUT WHO THE MASKED KING MIGHT BE.

LOOKING AT THE PHONE. THIS IS FOR YOU...!

THE MASKED KING IS TOTALLY PICC
THAT NAMEKIAN ACCENT
THE GREEN PART UNDER T
AH, IT'S AEBONG'S DAD. WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SIR?

IT'S THE CYBER SINGER ADAM
HE'S TOTALLY DIGITAL, RIGHT?
THEY SAY HE GOT DELETED DURING A REGISTRY CLEANUP BUT THEY RECENTLY RESTORED HIM
APPARENTLY HE GOT ERASED WHILE INSTALLING GETAMPED
OMG..

IT'S BUM-KUN CHA
MUST BE BUM-KUN CH
ARE YOU TIRED?

AAAHHH...!
STOP IT...!!!
CHIEFTA
EVANGELION
MAMAMOO
LEGO
OXFORD
SEOM
I'VE
DISAPPEARED!!!

AH, WHATEVER. I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS.

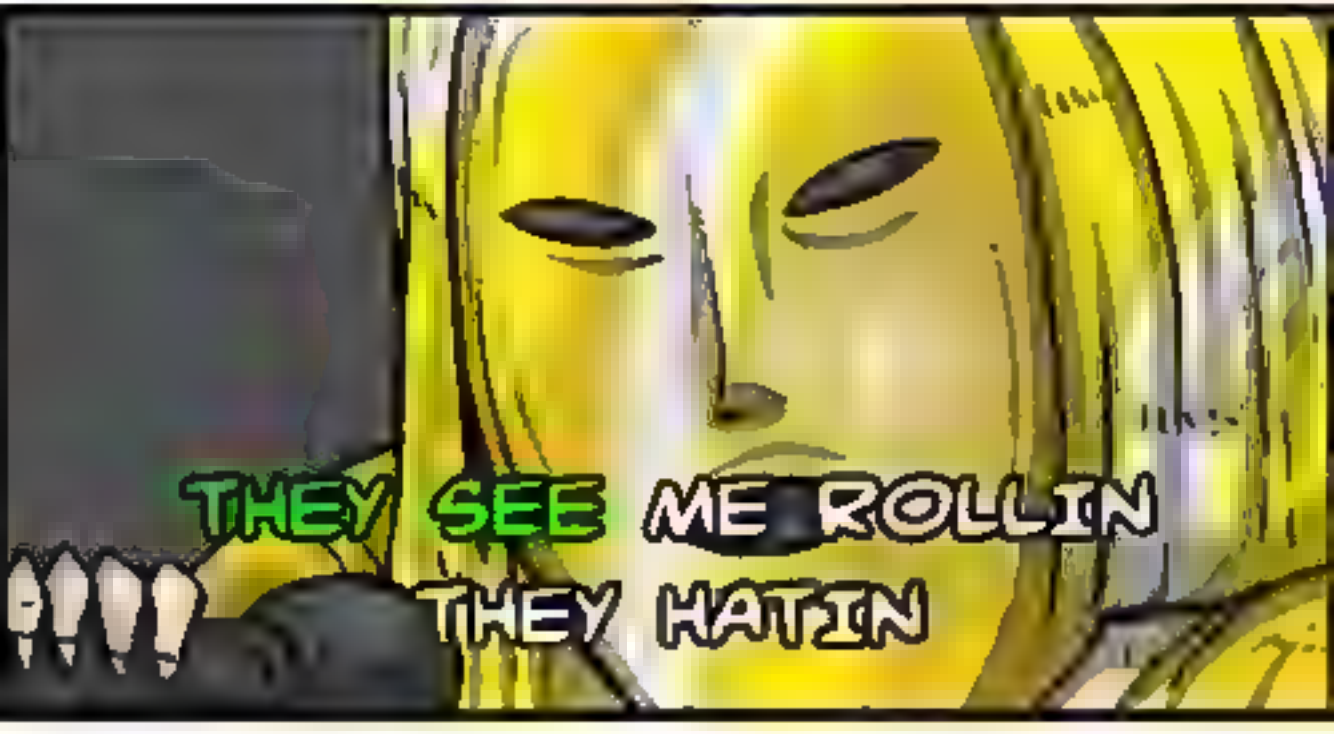
WHAT IS IT? (FAKE VOICE)

WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM THE MASKED KING RESTING FOR A MOMENT? (FAKE VOICE)

COULD YOU SING A SONG AT MY FRIEND'S WEDDING?

SINGING AT A WEDDING...
I WAS A BIT FLUSTERED BECAUSE
IT WAS SO SUDDEN.

BUT DESPITE MY CONCERNS,
IT WENT WELL.



I DID IT.

WELL DONE.
DON'T MENTION IT, IT WAS JUST A PART-TIME~!
THANK YOU
IMITATING BUM-KUN CHA'S VOICE TO CONCEAL MY IDENTITY

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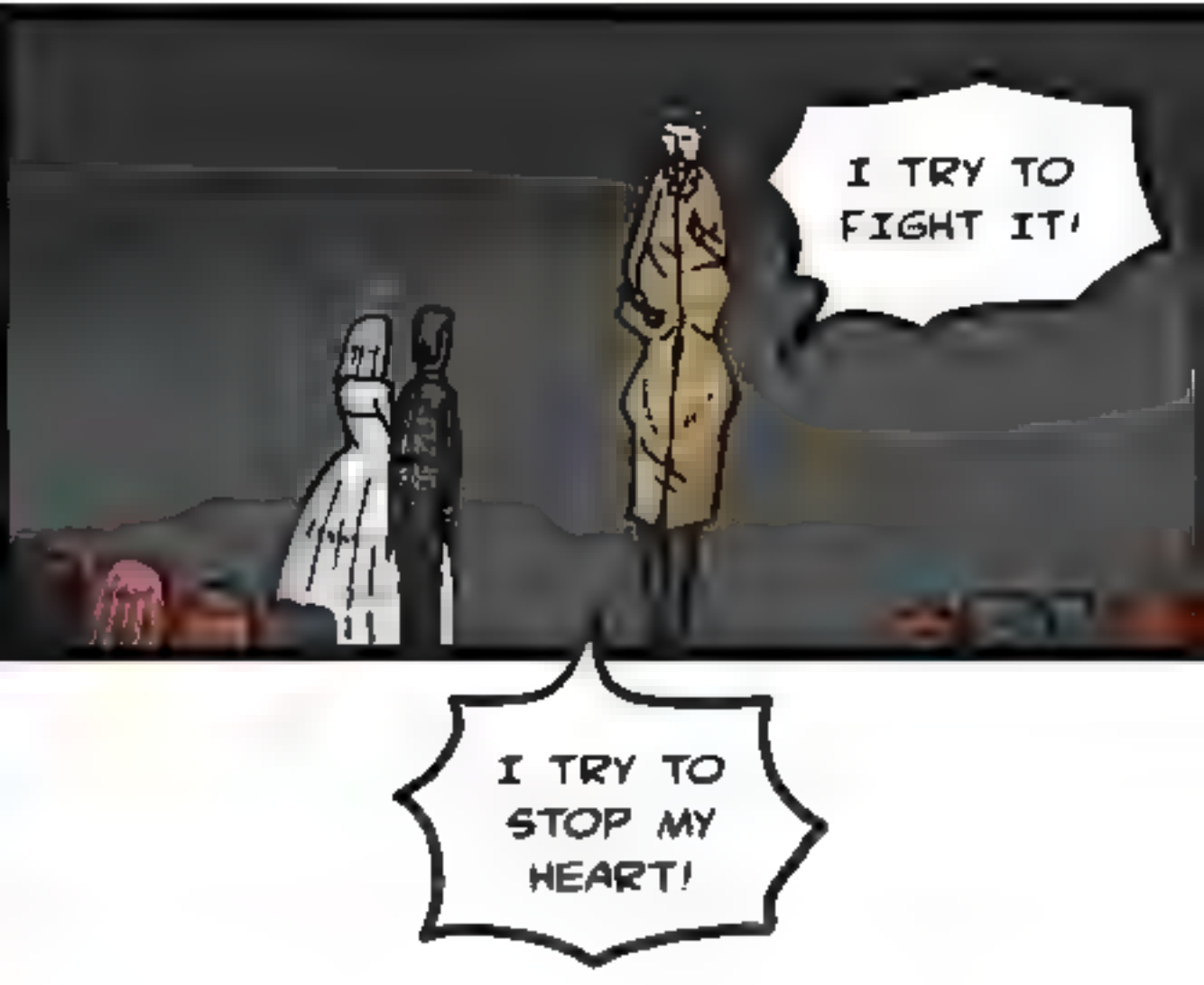
WAS IT A MISTAKE TO DO SUCH A GOOD JOB FROM THE VERY START?
...PEOPLE KEPT ASKING ME TO SING AT THEIR WEDDINGS.

WHY MUST WE BREAK UP... HOW COULD WE BREAK UP... HOW

WE!

LOOK AT THAT.. HE'S HOLDING THE MICROPHONE BELOW HIS CHEST...
HE HAS SUCH A POWERFUL VOICE THAT THE SOUND REACHES THE MIC FROM SO FAR AWAY...
THAT'S THE MASKED KING, ALL RIGHT!
SO FULL OF ME---MORIES!


I TRY TO FIGHT IT!
I TRY TO STOP MY HEART!

A HOLE IN MY HEART.

DAMNIT, SEOK..

AMAZING... HE SINGS 'HUG' WITH FIVE-PART HARMONY, JUST LIKE THE REAL VERSION.
HE'S THE MASKED KING, ALL RIGHT!
EVEN WHEN IT MOVES JUST A LITTLE--

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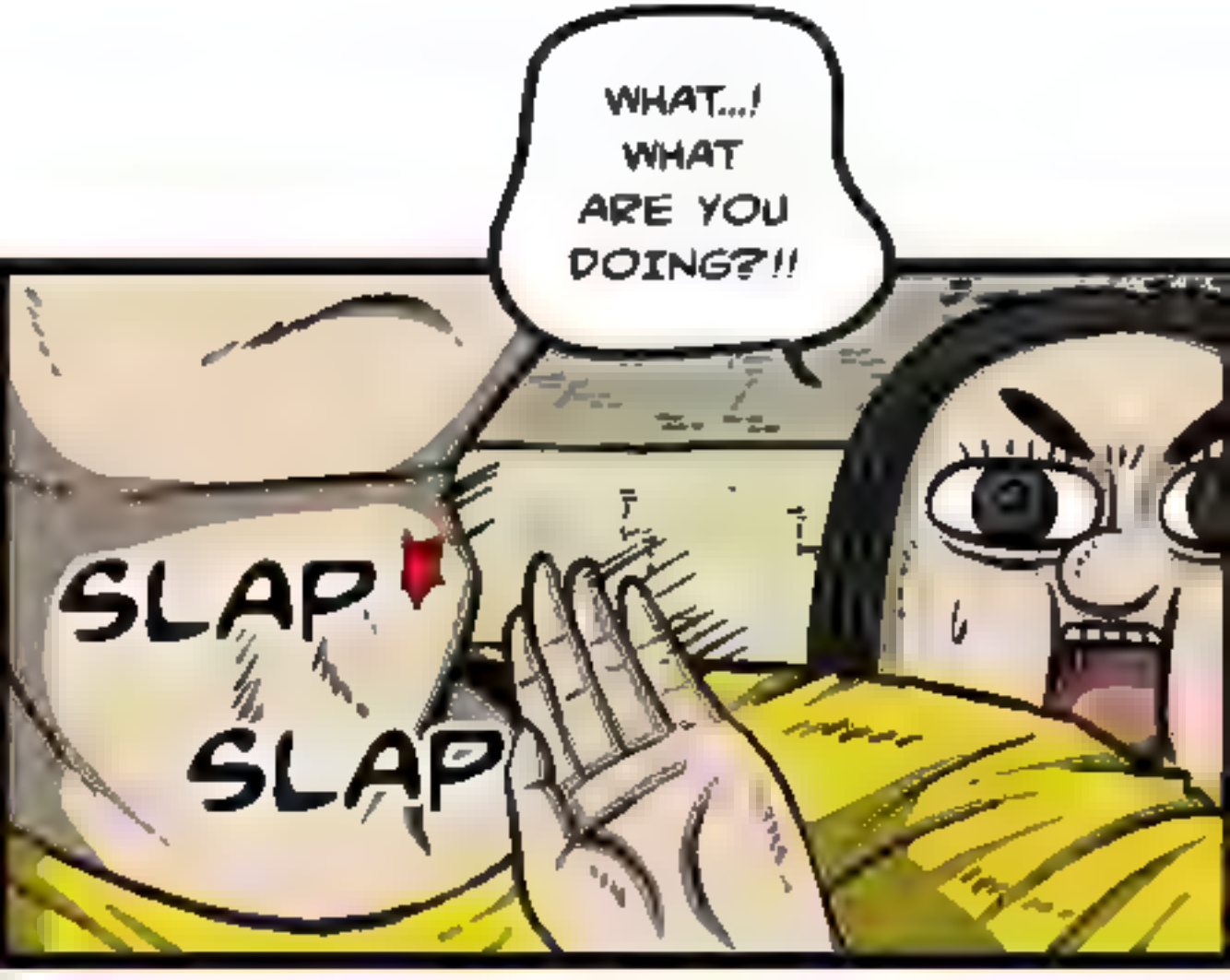
TTLE

I MANAGED TO GET THROUGH THE WEDDINGS...

BUT I HAVE TO THINK
OF LIFE AFTER THE MASKED KING...

I CAN'T KEEP HAVING
PEOPLE ASK ME TO SING LIKE THIS...


WHAT...! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
SLAP
SLAP

I'M... A COMIC ARTIST.

I'VE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED MY DREAM TO BECOME A SINGER AS THE MASKED KING...

SO I'M GOING TO STOP SINGING... TO FOCUS ON MY COMIC...

I FOUND THE PERFECT
WAY TO END THE WHOLE THING.

AND FINALLY... THE DAY CAME

AH- UNFORTUNATELY, THE MASKED KING HAS BEEN DETHRONED AFTER TEN WEEKS AT THE TOP!

NOW, SHOW US WHO YOU ARE!
AH~ TOO BAD BUT YOU DID GREAT, SEOK.
IT'S TOO BAD BUT YOU DID AMAZING. WELL DONE, SEOK.

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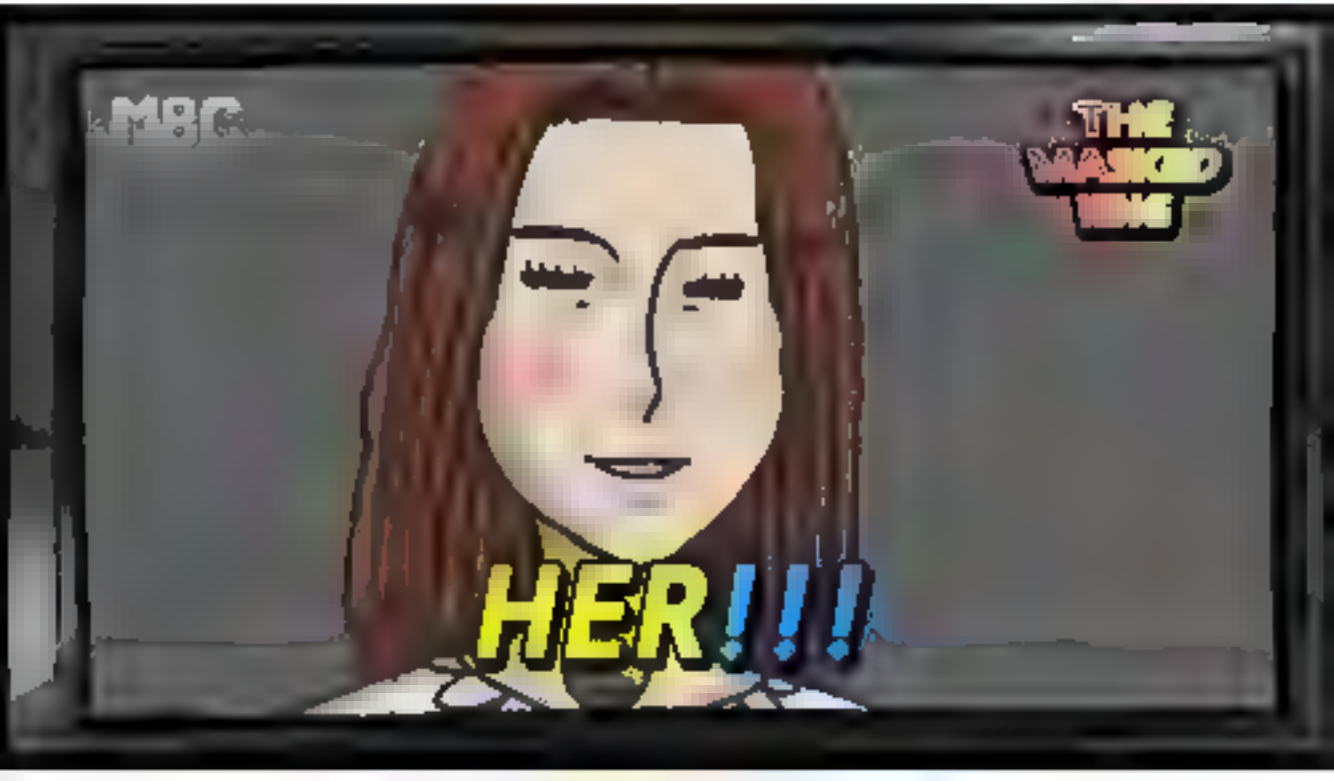
MASKED KING IS...!


MBG
THE MASKED INK
HER!!!

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AH, THAT WAS GREAT.
2002
I LIVED MY DREAM FOR TEN WEEKS.
THOSE WERE GREAT MEMORIES.

IT WAS TOUGH RUSHING OVER HERE RIGHT AFTER IT ENDED.

BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL A BIT SAD. I'D LIKE TO BE ALONE.

HEHE IT WAS TOTALLY NATURAL.